

1 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
2 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

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4 MITCHELL KEITH GOODRUM,

5 Plaintiff,

6 v.

7 WOK RESTAURANT OWNERS,

8 Defendant.
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Case No. 3:24-CV-00006-MMD-CLB

ORDER

10 Plaintiff is an inmate in the custody of the Nevada Department of Corrections, and
11 he has filed a motion for leave to file a pro se civil rights complaint pursuant to 42 U.S.C.
12 § 1983. (ECF No. 1-1.)

13 The Local Rules of Practice for the District of Nevada provide: “Any person who
14 is unable to prepay the fees in a civil case may apply to the court for authority to proceed
15 *in forma pauperis* (IFP). The application must be made on the form provided by the court
16 and must include a financial affidavit disclosing the applicant’s income, assets, and
17 liabilities.” LSR 1-1. When a prisoner seeks to proceed without prepaying the filing fee, in
18 addition to filing the affidavit, the prisoner is required to submit a certified copy of the trust
19 fund account statement (or institutional equivalent) for the six-month period immediately
20 preceding the filing of the complaint. The statement must be obtained from the
21 appropriate official at the prison or detention facility where the prisoner is or was confined.
22 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2).

23 When a prisoner brings a civil action IFP, the prisoner is still required to pay the
24 full amount of the filing fee. The court is required to assess, and when funds exist, collect
25 an initial partial payment of 20 percent of the greater of: (A) the average monthly deposits
26 in the prisoner’s account or (B) the average monthly balance in the prisoner’s account for
27 the six-month period immediately preceding the filing of the complaint. Thereafter,
28 whenever the prisoner’s account exceeds \$10, the prisoner must make monthly payments

1 of 20 percent of the preceding month's income credited to the prisoner's account until the
 2 filing fees are paid. The funds are to be forwarded by the agency having custody of the
 3 prisoner. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1), (2).

4 For actions filed after December 1, 2023, the filing fee is \$405 (the \$350 filing fee
 5 and \$55 administrative fee). If an inmate does not qualify for IFP status, he must pay the
 6 full \$405 filing fee. If the inmate qualifies for IFP status, the \$55 administrative fee is
 7 waived, and the inmate will only pay the \$350 filing fee over time.

8 Plaintiff's initiating documents were not accompanied by either the \$405 filing fee
 9 or an application to proceed IFP for an inmate.

10 **I. CONCLUSION**

11 The Clerk shall **SEND** Plaintiff a copy of the instructions and application to proceed
 12 IFP for an inmate. Plaintiff has **30 days** from the date of this Order to either file his
 13 completed IFP application or pay the full \$405 filing fee. If he files an IFP application, it
 14 must be accompanied by all of the required documents, including:

15 (a) the completed **application to proceed IFP for an inmate** on the court's
 16 approved form (i.e., pages 1-3 with the inmate's two signatures on page 3);

17 (b) a **financial certificate** properly signed by both the inmate and a prison
 18 or jail official (i.e., page 4 of the court's approved form); and

19 (c) a copy of the inmate's prison or jail **trust fund account statement for**
 20 **the previous six month period.**

21 Once Plaintiff has filed his completed IFP application and financial certificate or
 22 paid the filing fee, the court will screen the complaint pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §
 23 1915(e)(2)(B) or 28 U.S.C. § 1915A, or both. Both require dismissal of a complaint, or
 24 any portion thereof, that is frivolous or malicious, fails to state a claim upon which relief
 25 may be granted, or seeks monetary relief against a defendant who is immune from such
 26 relief. If the complaint is dismissed on screening, there will be no refund of the filing fee,
 27 and an inmate proceeding IFP is still required to pay the \$350 filing fee over time.

28 If Plaintiff fails to timely file a completed IFP application or pay the filing fee, the

1 court will recommend dismissal of this action without prejudice.

2 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

3 **DATED:** January 5, 2024.

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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